

EDITORIAL COMMENTS.

Czar Nicholas was 47 years old May 18.

Lawrence county defeated a road bond issue by 1,374 to 693.

Just what particular kind of "winter" is it we are having now?

The "Dixie Highway" will be officially located at Chattanooga to-day.

The Tennessee Legislature adjourned sine die Tuesday evening.

Denver voted for local option and defeated a single tax amendment Tuesday.

Villa's brother has been killed in a brawl while trying to quiet some drunken soldiers at Chihuahua.

Argument has begun in the Roosevelt-Barnes libel case at Syracuse N. Y. and the jury will take the case today.

Harry Thaw's sanity trial is set for June 7. He has been transferred from the toms to a more comfortable jail.

Lightning sometimes gets the right man. A fellow out in California was killed while practicing on a cornet.

President Wilson reviewed a fleet of American battleships five miles long at New York Tuesday, in the Hudson river.

Anton Knepperle, who says he is a naturalized citizen of the United States, was placed on trial Tuesday in England on the charge of spying.

A Henderson jury gave Mrs. Mary Sommers \$300 damages because the Home Telephone Co. cut and trimmed her four shade trees in running a line.

A Japanese girl in Oregon won a spelling match in an American school, beating all the English speaking children. She hasn't tackled the Russian language yet.

A Vienna dispatch says: "The total number of prisoners brought in during the first half of May was 124,000. (We have captured 128 guns and 368 machine guns.

Joao Chagas, president of the Portuguese cabinet, was shot four times on a night train from Oporto by Senator Freitas, and perhaps fatally wounded. (Freitas was shot dead by an officer.

Passengers on the liner Transylvania, which arrived at Glasgow, Monday, declared that the ship was pursued by a submarine, whose periscope was seen, but the liner adopted a zigzag course and soon out-distanced her pursuer.

Mrs. Polly Ann Strode, of Newberg, Ind., known in Indiana as "Marrying Polly Ann," has been deserted by her thirteenth husband, who jumped a \$500 bail bond she gave him in a case of assault and battery. She says he is the worst husband she ever had. She is now 70 years old and has been marrying ever since she was 17.

Crickets devastating a section of Grant county near Wilson Creek at Olympia, Wash., already have destroyed everything edible on the 6,600 acres of the S. W. C. Madigan, ranch and now occupy territory approximately eight miles square, so Governor Lister has been informed by farmers, who applied for \$10,000 State aid to fight the pest immediately.

"Milked an Automobile."

Col. Ed D. Jones says "Mrs. Jones is the only woman in Kentucky who ever milked a \$1,200 automobile out of 8 cows in eight months." Mrs. Jones sells the butter from her cows on contracts in the city at the highest market prices, and made enough in the time named to pay for a new automobile.

ALL EYES ON ITALY

Will Join Allies in Great War in Few Days or Hours, Is Belief.

ENGLISH CABINET SHAKE-UP.

Italian Situation Absorbs The Attention of Berlin for Time Being.

London, May 19.—The next few days, if not hours, it is believed, will find Italy renouncing her old allies of the triple alliance and joining the triple entente powers as a belligerent.

At the same time some change is expected in the government of Great Britain.

The German imperial chancellor in the reichstag has outlined offers made to Italy as to the price of her continued neutrality, and while he said he had not entirely given up hope that peace would be maintained, among the powers of the triple alliance, he left no impression on the mind of his hearers that the end of the alliance, so far as Italy is concerned, is not far off.

It is anticipated that expected changes in the government of Great Britain are aimed at a closer consolidation of all the parties for the purpose of carrying the war to a successful issue. Whether the leaders of the Unionist, Irish and Labor parties will be taken into the cabinet or admitted into the committee of imperial defense has not been made known. Whatever the changes to be made, however, they have not interfered with the operations in which the British forces are engaged.

In giving an outline of the operations in the house of the lords today, Lord Kitchener, the war minister, while expressing the greatest confidence in their ultimate outcome, again warned the public that great sacrifices already had been made and that greater ones would be exacted. He made an appeal for 300,000 more recruits.

Lord Kitchener, however, seemed to attach the greatest importance to the use by the Germans of asphyxiating gases and opened his speech with a reference to this matter. "Our troops," said Lord Kitchener, "must be adequately protected by the employment of similar methods."

Meanwhile the British first army, north of La Bassée, and the French forces south of this town continue their offensive against the German line, and, according to their respective commanders, still are making progress. The German official statement, however, declares that all the offensive movements against the Germans have been repulsed.

The same inconsistency appears in the reports of the fighting along the Yser, although the Germans admit a retirement and the French assert that they have inflicted heavy losses on the invaders.

The Germans, in conjunction with the Austrians, continue their big efforts in the east. Heavy fighting is in progress along the river San in Galicia, where the Russians are attempting to make a stand after their retirement from western Galicia and the Carpathians. According to the Austrian account of the fighting, the Germanic allies have forced a passage of the San at several points.

Waiting on Germany.

Washington, May 19.—Two important factors, it became known last night, are working to delay for another week Germany's reply to the Lusitania note.

First, the next few days are expected to show whether Germany will be confronted with a new military situation by the entrance of Italy into the war.

Second, interested diplomatists here believe the interim of delay will reveal whether the United States of its own initiative will send a general protest to the allies against alleged violations of international law by interfering with commerce be-

AUTO CLUB BANQUET

Business Session Held and a Dinner Served at Pennyroyal Cafe.

SEVERAL SPEECHES MADE.

Covers Were Laid For 50 or More Members And Guests.

The Hopkinsville Automobile Club had a big time Tuesday night. A business meeting was held, at which Attorney Frank Rives reported that the litigation started some time ago to resist the enforcement of the city ordinance imposing a license ordinance on private automobiles had been dismissed without prejudice, as the council had re-enacted the license ordinance with the auto section left out.

After other talks, the members and a number of guests were served with a splendid banquet by Mrs. Carothers, in the cafe dining room.

The guests were seated at a long table the full length of the room and the table was beautifully decorated with flowers.

President Chas. F. Johnson presided and as Toastmaster called upon many of those present for after-dinner speeches.

Among those who responded were: C. R. Clark, T. C. Underwood and L. H. Davis, all of whom made excellent impromptu talks.

Mr. Davis, as Chairman of the committee to get autos for the Bluegrass visitors, met with much encouragement from the auto owners when he appealed to them for the use of their machines on June 3. The affair was a very profitable and pleasant occasion.

S. D. WILKINS IS NO MORE

End Comes at His Home Near Antioch, Monday Afternoon.

Mr. S. D. Wilkins, of the Antioch neighborhood, died Monday afternoon, following a stroke of paralysis sustained last January. Mr. Wilkins was born in this county in 1848 and had always lived in the vicinity of Hopkinsville.

Four daughters and two sons survive him, also his second wife. Mrs. Georgia Thomas, of this city, is one of his daughters. Fairleigh Wilkins, one of his sons, lives at North Yakima, Wash., and Dennis, the other, lives in Jessamine county, Ky.

Funeral services were held at Antioch church, of which Mr. Wilkins was a member. The interment was in Riverside cemetery.

Notice to Teachers.

On Friday and Saturday of this week the white teachers examination will be held at the circuit court room.

L. E. FOSTER, Supt.

tween American ports and neutral European countries.

Officials here generally think the Austro-Italian situation may absorb the attention of the German government and delay final composition of the reply. It is realized that should Italy become a belligerent, Germany would lose all hope of obtaining foodstuffs or other supplies through the Mediterranean, and if Rumania followed Italy's lead, as predicted, the wheat supply from southeastern Europe would be cut off. In such circumstances, it was explained in diplomatic quarters, Germany would find the submarine even more invaluable as a weapon for reducing enemy supplies and commerce.

ENTHUSIASTIC INTEREST

Being Taken By Ferrell's Boys In The Coming Reunion.

COMMITTEES MEET SATURDAY

One of The 1890 Boys Heard From As A Great Preacher In Texas.

A meeting of all of the committees for the Ferrell's Boys Reunion will be held at 2:30 o'clock Saturday at the H. B. M. A. All whose names appeared in the published lists are urged to be present. The actual work of locating the 500 boys will be put on at this meeting.

Plans are broadening out for the reunion. It is considered likely that a session of the school will be held in this city on the night of August 20, with declamations, spelling matches, drills and other exercises by the boys of 40 years ago.

This would be presided over by one or all of the three surviving teachers. These are: Col. M. H. Crump, of Bowling Green, Ky., Judge Frank T. Glasgow, of Lexington, Va., and Hon. C. C. Thach, of Auburn, Ala.

Great enthusiasm is being shown by the old pupils and the reunion is sure to be the biggest thing of the kind ever held in Western Kentucky. Half a dozen of the boys became preachers and the following notice of one of them is from a current issue of a Paris, Texas, paper:

REV. WILL B. KENDALL.

"Of the 15,000 people in Paris, there is but one Brother Kendall. In fact there is none like him in all North Texas. He is a great preacher, a fine pastor, a splendid financier and a most liberal contributor to every worthy cause. During the past eight years he has probably given to his church, charitable organizations and schools more money than any other Baptist preacher in Texas. His greatest contribution was \$5,000 to Baylor University a few years ago and at least half dozen young men have been able to go through college by his assistance. The more he has made, the more he has given and the more he has given, the more he has made and so it goes. In taking collections at his church he heads the list with his own contribution and somehow he always gets a liberal response from his members. Last fall when the panic was at its worst, he asked his congregation for \$1,500 for state missions and to close up the year's work of his church. He led the contributions by giving \$300 and soon all the necessary money was at hand. Last Sunday he took the collection for home and foreign missions at his church and in a few minutes nearly \$700 was raised.

Sunday night at the Arena where thousands had gathered to hear Evangelist McIntosh preach, Rev. Kendall was asked to take the collection for the expenses of the meeting and again he led off in making an offering and soon nearly \$800 was given. From all parts of the great congregation came many donations of from \$2.50 up and almost without exception the preacher could call the name of the donor and give his given name or initials.

He knows everybody in Paris and in turn, everybody knows and loves Brother Kendall for what he is and what he has done."

In Minstrel Costume.

Louisville, Ky., May 19.—In order to attract special attention the Louisville boosters who will go on the trade excursion trip into Eastern Kentucky, planned by the Louisville Commercial club, every man in the party will be required to wear a costume adopted for the occasion. It will consist of a long linen duster and hat to match. Each man will carry a white umbrella. Headed by a military band they will bear some resemblance to a minstrel parade.

BLUEGRASS VISITORS

Will Be Shown The Sights When They Come June The Third.

BUSY DAY OF ENTERTAINING.

Scores of Automobiles Will Whirl The Party All Over County.

When the visiting officials, farm demonstrators and farmers from other counties arrive here June 3, headed by Geoffrey Morgan, they will find a "live bunch" waiting to show them the sights.

The Committees organized Monday are headed by R. E. Cooper, president, and J. M. Neblett, secretary. Here are the committees:

Transportation—L. H. Davis, chairman, he to select those he wants to serve with him.

Finance and Barbecue—S. L. Cowherd, chairman; Holland Garnett, Robert McGaughey, James A. McKenzie, J. J. Garrott, Dave Cranor, F. K. Yost, T. J. McReynolds, George Crenshaw and J. J. Metcalfe. Program and Itinerary—W. T. Fowler, chairman; R. E. Cooper, S. L. Cowherd, L. H. Davis, S. E. Puckett and J. M. Neblett.

Reception and Entertainment—To be appointed.

Charles C. Barker, J. J. Garrott, and S. E. Puckett were appointed to go to Bowling Green on June 2 and be with the visiting delegation there that day and come in here with them.

The train will arrive early and after serving breakfast there will be a morning tour in autos, dinner at the fair grounds, an afternoon tour of inspection, a strawberry supper at W. R. Brumfield's and perhaps a night program in the city. There will be something doing all the time to open the eyes of the visitors.

ANSWERS CALL AT OLD AGE

Lafayette Bowles, Aged 78, Died Tuesday Morning At His Home On Walnut St.

Mr. Lafayette Bowles died at his home on Walnut street Tuesday morning, aged 78 years. His health had been feeble for some time, and his vitality was slowly destroyed by long illness. He was born in Christian county and most of his life was spent on the farm. He moved to Pembroke in 1907 and about five years ago came to this city to make his home.

Mr. Bowles was a man of generous impulses and having no children of his own educated several children of his relatives and did many acts of kindness and charity. He was a consistent member of the Christian church. His funeral services were conducted by Rev. J. Newton Jessup at nine o'clock yesterday morning and the body was taken to Pembroke for interment.

Jumps Into Cistern.

Pinecroft, Ky., May 19.—Word has been received here of the suicide of a Miss Robertson, a member of a prominent family of the Walonia section of Trigg county. The young lady accomplished the deed by jumping into a cistern.

Organizes U. D. C. Chapter.

Marganfield, Ky., May 19.—Mrs. Mary Dowling Bond, State president of the United Daughters of Confederacy, organized here a chapter of more than fifty members.

Ice Merger.

Increases in the cost of ice were announced following the merger of the Merchants' Ice & Cold Storage Company and the Artic Ice Company, of Louisville.

PRESIDENT REITERATES

His Views For Local Option And Self Government.

WANTS TO BE UNDERSTOOD

President Says He Expressed His Fixed Convictions in the Shannon Letter.

Louisville, Ky., May 19.—A letter from President Wilson has been made public here reaffirming his position on the liquor question and amplifying two previous letters on the subject, known as the Shannon and Grogan letters, which were written when Mr. Wilson was governor of New Jersey.

The Shannon letter advocated local option as a means of settling liquor issues. It stated that liquor issues injected into state or national politics brought disruption and rendered constructive legislation impossible.

The Grogan letter has been construed in Kentucky to mean the writer favored state-wide prohibition.

In view of the widely divergent interpretations placed upon the two letters, W. B. Haldeman, editor of the Louisville Times, wrote the President, reciting that:

"State-wide prohibition has been made an issue by two candidates for the democratic gubernatorial nomination in Kentucky, and in that connection the so-called Grogan letter is being used to imply that you approve of this principle in certain circumstances which are declared to fit the present Kentucky political situation. On the other hand the so-called Shannon letter is being used in an effort that you stand for local self-government as a principle for democrats to observe.

"If you feel that the situation warrants," Mr. Haldeman's letter said in conclusion, "I should be pleased to have a statement of present date from you as to your general attitude toward the questions presented by these letters. Such a statement would do much to clarify our local situation and do much to emphasize what you obviously intended by the Shannon letter."

"I have your letter of May 5," the President's letter says, "and must apologize for not having replied sooner. I am sure that you will understand the pressure circumstances I have been under.

"The reply to your letter is very simple. My so-called Shannon letter precisely defines my position with regard to the liquor issue, not only as it was when I wrote the letter, but as it is now, and the letter to Mr. Grogan is, or was, at any rate, intended to be entirely consistent with it. What I intend to say to Mr. Grogan and think that I said with sufficient clearness, was that while the position I had taken in the Shannon letter expressed my fixed convictions in the matter, I was not self-confident or self-opinionated enough to say what the proper course of action was either in Texas or any other state, where I was not personally in touch with the conditions obtaining. I felt that it would be arrogant on my part to state that there were in my opinion no circumstances which justified an agitation for state-wide prohibition.

"I am sure that you yourself felt that there was no inconsistency between the two letters and I am obliged to you for having afforded me the opportunity to make this very explicit."

Death Roll Is 1,134.

London.—The Cunard Company made the following official announcement:

"The number of passengers aboard the Lusitania was 1,255.
"The crew numbered 651.
"The survivors number 772.
"The death roll numbers 1,134.
"These figures are subject to slight variation."